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Paul HABERMANN

Application No.: 10/076,631

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS,
AND PROCESSES THEREOF
SUCH AS PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCTION OF
SUPERSCRETABLE PEPTIDES
AND FOR PARALLEL
IMPROVEMENT OF THE
EXPORTED FORMS OF ONE OR
MORE POLYPEPTIDES OF
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months of the filing date of this application, but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed documents, including the copending applications discussed below, are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the

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listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following commonly assigned, co-pending applications are brought to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Application No. 10/076,634, in the names of Paul HABERMANN *et al.*, filed February 19, 2002, entitled "NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING PROTEINS SUCH AS FUSION PROTEINS FOR THE SECRETION OF A PROTEIN OF INTEREST INTO BACTERIAL SUPERNATANTS"

U.S. Application No. 10/076,632, in the name of Paul HABERMANN, filed February 19, 2002, entitled "NUCLEIC ACIDS, PROTEINS, AND PROCESSES THEREOF SUCH AS USE OF FUSION PROTEINS WHOSE N-TERMINAL PART IS A HIRUDIN DERIVATIVE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS VIA SECRETION BY YEASTS"

Copies of these applications are attached.

Regarding the foreign language documents, Applicant notes the following:

(1) DE 100 33 195 A1:

is accompanied by an English language abstract; and

is a family member of WO 02/04486 A2, submitted herewith, which includes an English language abstract and which corresponds to PCT/EP00/08537, which is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 14.

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- (3) EP 0 158 564 A1 is a family member of U.S. Patent No. 5,705,355 to TOLSTOSHEV et al., submitted herewith.
- (4) EP 0 200 655 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 4.
- (5) EP 0 324 712 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 3.
- (6) EP 0 347 781 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 3.
- (7) EP 0 448 093 B1 includes English language claims.
- (8) EP 0 468 539 B1 includes English language claims.
- (9) EP 0 549 915 B1 includes English language claims and is cited and discussed in the present application beginning on page 24.
- (10) EP 0 775 710 A1:
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- (11) WO 01/21662 A1 includes an English language abstract.
- (12) WO 02/04486 A2:
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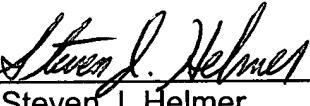
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